

AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
for the  
Eastern District of Michigan

United States of America  
v.  
David Joe WILLIAMS

Case: 2:19-mj-30217  
Judge: Unassigned,  
Filed: 04-29-2019 At 04:43 PM  
USA v. DAVID JOE WILLIAMS (CMP)(MLW  
)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of July 5, 2018 in the county of St. Clair in the  
Eastern District of Michigan, the defendant(s) violated:

*Code Section*

21 U.S.C. § 841

*Offense Description*

Possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.



*Complainant's signature*

Task Force Agent Michael Westphal, I.C.E.-H.S.I.

*Printed name and title*

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: April 29, 2019

City and state: Detroit, Michigan



*Judge's signature*

Hon. Antony P. Patti, U.S. Magistrate Judge

*Printed name and title*

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF COMPLAINT**

I, Michael Westphal, being duly sworn, hereby states:

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. I am a Saint Clair County (SCC) Deputy Sheriff currently assigned to the Drug Task Force (DTF). The DTF conducts illegal controlled substance investigations in St. Clair County. For the last year, I have worked as a full-time Task Force Officer for the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Border Enforcement Security Task Force (BEST) in Port Huron. The task force is led by the Department of Homeland Security's HSI office in Detroit, Michigan. BEST is comprised of several federal and state/local law enforcement entities tasked with investigating violations of federal and state laws, primarily narcotics investigations.

2. I have been a law enforcement officer for more than eight years. I have personally made or been involved in numerous illegal narcotics related arrests. I have also attended various training schools in regards to narcotics interdiction and investigation.

3. The following information is based upon my own knowledge and previous experiences as well as the knowledge of other law enforcement officers. The facts in this affidavit establish probable cause that David Joe WILLIAMS was in possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver the controlled substance in violation of 21 U.S.C § 841. This affidavit does not include all the facts known to law enforcement related to this investigation.

## **II. SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION**

4. In August of 2018, a confidential source of information reported that David Joe WILLIAMS was involved in the trafficking of narcotics within Saint Clair County. A criminal history check revealed that WILLIAMS has two felony narcotics convictions for trafficking violations in Saint Clair County between 2012 and 2014. The SCC DTF subsequently began an investigation into WILLIAMS.

5. On November 28, 2018, the SCC DTF approached WILLIAMS at a Port Huron, Michigan, car wash on an outstanding arrest warrant. During his arrest, DTF members

located 7.4 grams of methamphetamine concealed within a modified jumbo type marker. The narcotics were on his person and, in a post-Miranda interview, WILLIAMS admitted to possessing the methamphetamine with the intent to deliver the narcotics. An arrest warrant was subsequently issued for his arrest.

6. In January of 2019, the DTF began receiving information from confidential informants that WILLIAMS was actively trafficking methamphetamine to numerous persons in Saint Clair County. According to the information, WILLIAMS was obtaining larger quantities of methamphetamine (8-16 ounces) from Detroit to bring into Saint Clair County for distribution.

7. Between January and March of 2019, a DTF investigation discovered that WILLIAMS utilized various vehicles while conducting narcotics transactions. This included two different rental vehicles from Enterprise Car Rental in Fort Gratiot, Michigan. The rental vehicles were rented by Amy Minor,

a resident of xxx6 Ravenswood Road, Kimball Township, Michigan.

8. On March 20, 2019, DTF members observed WILLIAMS leaving xxx6 Ravenswood Road in a 2012 black Dodge pickup bearing Michigan plate DxxxxS, registered to Amy Minor. DTF members conducted continuous surveillance of the vehicle and WILLIAMS. WILLIAMS made several quick stops in Port Huron before traveling West on Interstate I-94 to Detroit.

9. DTF members observed WILLIAMS make a few short stops in Detroit before traveling back to Saint Clair County via eastbound I-94. WILLIAMS exited I-94 at Wadhams Road in Saint Clair County. Two SCC Sheriff's Office marked patrol units attempted to make a traffic stop on WILLIAMS to execute the outstanding narcotics possession warrant and a driving with a license suspended warrant. WILLIAMS did not stop his vehicle and fled. During the chase, WILLIAMS struck a marked patrol unit and one unmarked sheriff's vehicle and re-entered I-94 Eastbound.

10. After striking the vehicles, WILLIAMS threw a small bubble wrapped package from the truck into the grassy area adjacent to the onramp from Wadhams Road to I-94. DTF and SCC Sheriff's K-9 officer Pink subsequently located the package. The package contained 498 grams of crystalline substance that field tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine.

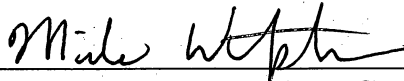
11. During the high-speed pursuit, WILLIAMS utilized a police scanner application on his cellular phone. WILLIAMS returned directly to the xxx6 Ravenswood residence where DTF members immediately arrested him. DTF members located a 5-inch Gerber style knife within the center console of the truck.

12. In a post-Miranda interview, WILLIAMS made the following statements:

- a. He had thrown out the package of after eluding the initial traffic stop; and
- b. He knew the package contained methamphetamine.

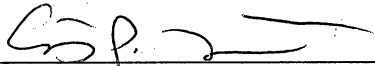
### III. CONCLUSION

13. Probable cause exists that David Joe WILLIAMS did knowingly and unlawfully possess with the intent to distribute over 40 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a schedule II controlled substance, all in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841.



Michael Westphal BEST Task Force Officer  
Immigration & Customs Enforcement  
Homeland Security Investigations

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
on this 29<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2019.



HON. ANTHONY P. PATTI  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE